

Abstract

Title: Hippotourism

Objective: The aim of this thesis is to perform a literature search about relatively new kind of tourism - hippotourism. Specifically, the aim is to explain fundamentals of horse riding, give a insight into the history and present of horse riding, explain the system and methodology of riding trails, purpose of stations, cover how horses should be taken care of and point out what rider needs to arrange before setting off for the journey.

Resources: I gathered the information mainly from Czech and foreign literature and I also used online resources. I tried to get as much as possible information about the topic and set it into comprehensible and easy to follow form

Conclusion: While gathering information, I was surprised how very few people are engaged in horse riding with their works. There are only a few authors and publications that address this topic. Since it's inception horse riding has slowly but successfully developed. Only in Sumava, the area where I live in are located 17 registered stations and there is more than 117 stations in south region of Bohemia. I also learned how important it is to plan the trip well and know the details about care of horses and the equipment. Czech project was inspired by horseback riding in foreign countries such as Austria, Germany, England, USA and Australia, where the equestrian tourism has been performed for a long time.

Keywords: hippotourism, horse care, wandering, equestrian equipment, trail riding, riding station